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JFK ASSASSINATION RECORDS BOARD PRAISES FBI RELEASE OF RECORDS ON QUESTION OF OSWALD INVOLVEMENT WITH CUBAN OR SOVIET GOVERNMENTS

The Chair of the JFK Assassination Records Review Board, an independent federal panel overseeing the review and release of records related to the assassination of President Kennedy, praised today's FBI release of documents which explored the question of whether or not Lee Harvey Oswald was involved with the Cuban or Soviet governments.

"This FBI document release is another important step towards fulfilling the mandate of the 1992 law which requires the opening of the government's JFK assassination files," said John R. Tunheim, Chair of the Assassination Records Review Board. "There are still many pages of documents relating to the assassination of President Kennedy yet to be seen by the American public, but the records released today will certainly enhance, enrich, and broaden the historical record of the assassination."

The Assassination Record Review Board is a five-member independent panel of private citizens established by The President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992, signed into law by President Bush. The Board members were appointed by President Clinton, confirmed by the United States Senate, and sworn into office in April 1994.

The 1992 law requires all federal agencies to conduct a review of records in their possession that relate to the assassination of President Kennedy to determine those that may be released and those whose release should be postponed. The Review Board monitors agency compliance with the Act and evaluates all decisions to postpone the release of records.

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